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Dear Chairman Martin:

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On behalf of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and its members, I am writing to express support for the principles of the proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with protecting our homeland deserve sufficient spectrum combined with

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innovative funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technology.

Chief Cai Fairview

The IACP has been on record for many years supporting the efforts of the PSWAC, PSWN and Safecom projects as well as passing a resolution in support of the primary purpose of FCC RM No. 11348 to allow public safety provider's access to the 30 MHz of spectrum for wideband/broadband use.

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There is a unique opportunity to allocate 30 MHz of spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band to be held in trust for public safety. This trust would allow for a nationwide public safety broadband network. The intended purpose of this proposal includes: (1) reallocating the 30 MHz block of frequencies from the planned auction of 700 MHz spectrum to public safety; (2) creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust to hold the spectrum license; and (3) using private capital to fund a public/private shared network built to public safety's specifications. This proposal appears to offer many attractive features for the nation as it joins public and private interests. Illinois has used a similar public/private partnership in the development of a statewide voice radio network built and owned by Motorola but using public safety frequencies.

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police urges the FCC Commissioners, Congressional Representatives, and other representatives of the public trust in Washington, D.C., to honor their commitment to the people of this country by taking the time to carefully consider this once-in-a-lifetime



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MHz of spectrum to a Public Safety Broadband Trust, enabling the possibility of a public safety communications system benefiting all Americans.

Sincerely,

Giacomo A. Pecoraro

**Executive Director**